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SUBJECT: FIRST RESIDENT ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR PRESENTS
CREDENTIALS

1. FEHRAT LOUNES, FIRST RESIDENT AMBASSADOR OF
ALGERIA TO MADAGASCAR, PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS ON JUNE
23. HE BECOMES THE SECOND FULL-FLEDGED ARAB OR AFRICAN
RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN ANTANANARIVO, THE OTHER ONE
BEING THE AMBASSADOR OF EGYPT (SAHROUI/THE POLISARIO
ALSO HAS AN AMBASSADOR HERE). ALGERIA AND MADAGASCAR
HAVE HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS SINCE JUNE 1964 AND
MADAGASCAR HAS MAINTAINED A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN
ALGERIA FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, GIVING SPECIAL VALUE
TO ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH ALGERIA AS A LEADER OF
PROGRESSIVE AFRICA. ALGERIAN MESSAGE ON OCCASION OF
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MALAGASY NATIONAL DAY (JUNE 26) WAS GIVEN SPECIAL
TREATMENT IN GOVERNMENT MEDIA.

2. PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA USED THE OCCASION OF CREDENTIALS
PRESENTATION TO HARSHLY CRITICIZE IMPERIALISTS AND
COLONIALISTS FOR PRESENT ATTEMPTS TO DESTABILIZE
PROGRESSIVE REGIMES IN SW INDIAN OCEAN AND ELSEWHERE,

AND TO RECOLONIZE AFRICA GENERALLY. HE PARTICULARLY
DEPLORED INTERVENTION BY FOREIGN POWERS TO SAFEGUARD
THEIR NATIONALS SAYING THIS COULD LEAD TO COUNTLESS
INTERVENTIONS IN VIEW OF NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS WORKING
OUTSIDE THEIR COUNTRIES. HE NOTED POINTEDLY THAT NEITHER
ALGERIA, MADAGASCAR, BENIN, MOZAMBIQUE, CHINA NOR THE
USSR HAD EVER SENT TROOPS ABROAD TO PROTECT THEIR
NATIONALS EVEN THOUGH ALGERIANS ARE OFTEN SUBJECT TO
BAD TREATMENT IN EUROPE. BARRETT

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